4TH SENATE DISTRICT

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of February 10 — 16



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

National Black Marriage Day

March 17, 2013
Hilton Garden Inn
Milwaukee Park
Place

More Information: www.compelmilw.org

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



#### Crossroads of Freedom & Equality—Black History Month

The Capitol currently is home to a display that celebrates the lives of influential African-Americans. Although many choices were available, the display includes: Felmers Chaney, who was the first black police sergeant in the Milwaukee Police Department; Rep. Lloyd Barbee, who lead the charge to integrate Milwaukee Public Schools; Lauri Wynn, who was a great teacher and the President of WEAC; John Jefferson, who commanded the Wisconsin 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regi-

ment; and Tuskegee Airman Col. James John Powell, who served in the European theatre of World War II. In addition to the display, a Black History Month program will take place at the State Capitol on February 20 at 11:00 AM. It would be great to see you at the event!



### Walker Rejects Funds To Strengthen BadgerCare

This week, Governor Walker rejected federal funds designed to strengthen BadgerCare and put more people in health care coverage. In doing so, Governor Walker denied access to health care and refused to use tax money that Wisconsin residents send to Washington. This choice allows our money to be spent in other states. I am disappointed the Governor did not take the opportunity to ensure Wisconsin residents have access to health care. Providing adequate access to health care for all Wisconsin residents is a bipartisan commitment that I hope Governor Walker does not abandon. However, his administration's demonstrated failure to effectively administer basic programs for our most vulnerable populations



does not bode well for Wisconsin. The future of health care in Wisconsin is murky, but know my office is always here to help you navigate through our complex health system.



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#### **Barristers For Babies for the March of Dimes**

As the honorary chair of the 2013 March for Babies with the March of Dimes, I would like you to join me at the Barristers for Babies luncheon on Wed, Mar 13th from 11:45 to 1:30pm at the Pfister Hotel at 424 E Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Your attendance will support the work of the March of Dimes and help the fight for preemies—the #1 cause of newborn death in Wisconsin. Lunch will be plated and please RSVP by March 6th to crogaczewski@marchofdimes.com.

### **Community Involvement Builds Community**

Milwaukee residents can now apply online for boards and commissions to serve their fellow neighbors. From appointments to the Fire & Police Commission to the Housing Authority, service to the community helps grow community. You can apply at http://city.milwaukee.gov/appointments ororttp://city.milwaukee.gov/PresidentsAppointments. At the state level applications are taken in the Governor's office at: walker.wisconsin.gov/Serve-Wisconsin.

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"The imperative is to define what is right and do it."

Barbara Jordan



"Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel."

**King Solomon**